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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BRIDENBAUGH et al.

Application No.: 09/121,798

Filed: July 23, 1998

For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Examiner: Kunz, G.

Art Unit: 1623

TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to an Office Action dated January 4, 2000, enclosed are the following to be made of record in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Amendment
- 2) Petition for Three Month Extension of Time
with Authorization to Charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 in the
Amount of \$435.

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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated January 4, 2000, for three months, from April 4, 2000 to July 4, 2000. Note that July 4, 2000 fell upon a national holiday. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3), please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 in the amount of \$435.00, the amount due for the extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This transmittal letter is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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